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NO KICKER NEXT WEEK.
As is its custom, the Kicker will not appear during holiday week. Correspondents will please make a note of this and send in no items. But I want you all to be on hand the week following—beginning on December 28.

While the editor hasn't got very much use for the Christianity established by the Roman emperor, Constantine the Great, yet it gives him an excuse to take a week's rest. The editor believes in the Christianity as taught by Jesus and the early Christians—no rent, no interest, no profit, no wars. When the churches begin to teach and preach against these things, as Christ and his apostles did, then you will find me occupying a front seat. But the bogus article does not attract me.

"Thou shalt not kill," says the Commandment—and "the church" furnishes chaplains to go with the butchering armies to pray for a successful slaughter.

"Thou shalt take no usury"—and the usurers are the pillars of the church.

"The land is mine," sayeth the Lord, "and ye are but strangers and sojourners"—yet priests, bishops and other church dignitaries gobble up the land and charge people for living on God's earth.

Go down into Dunklin county and see Archbishop Glennon's kingdom there. He believes in a kingdom ON EARTH—for himself but he wants you to keep chasing the kingdom—BEYOND!

Or take up your Sunday Visitor. Mr. Catholic, and see the "Catholic colonies" advertised in it by land sharks and endorsed by your "sacred divines" who have probably been given large blocks of stock for the use of their names. I want you to particularly notice the advertisement of Rev. V. T. Seelaar, O. S. M. Willemina, Mo. I don't know what the O. S. M. has to do with it, but suppose it means "Only Suckers Mysteried." This, according to the advertisement, is "A new colony under the patronage of Most Rev. John J. Glennon, arch-bishop of St. Louis."

I am glad the priests have put the Visitor in your homes. You can discover that the grafters use religion exactly as they use patriotism—all for profit.

And I am going to tell you good-bye for 1913 without getting off that old joke about "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"—for I know the great majority will have neither.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.
There will be no Kicker next week and you may rest with the editor. But on the following week I want you to be on time with a good letter. We want to make the Kicker a hot one during 1914.

By "we" I mean you and I. People are opening their eyes and grab for the Kicker. Let's make it worth grabbing for. Thanking you for the splendid service you have already rendered, I am yours for Light and Truth, Phil. Hafner.

THE SUBS.
Are you interested in the growth of the Kicker? If so, then show it by helping push up its circulation. Go out and get at least two new subscribers during the holiday vacation. That is the way to show your loyalty.

The circulation is again climbing. If you will all help a little we can push it right up. The Kicker should be in every working class home. It should enter twice as many homes as it now does, and you can turn the trick if you will. Don't wait for the other fellow. Go at it yourself. The masses want the Kicker and haven't got time to run around and borrow—as the "better class" do.

Robt. Hileman of Fornefeld rounded up six; Ernest Ross of near Kelso, got in with three and Sol Diebold of New Hamburg two.

Fornefeld—Albert Schuette, Herman Ueismann, Emil Eifert, John Hala, Casper Eifert, Mrs. Rosa Robert.

Illmo.—Chas. H. Morrill, George Roth, Rudolph Eifert.

Kelso.—Adam B. Schaefer, John Blatt.

New Hamburg.—Louis Schitter, Louis Goetz.

Budget.—J. T. Huey.

Commerce.—J. M. Sanders, Wash Davenport, B. J. Enderie.

Randall.—Peter Bollinger, Jacob Riegert.

Oran.—W. A. Lee, Mrs. Theresa Bleas.

A CLUBBING OFFER.
For once the Kicker is going to depart from its usual custom. Heretofore I have rejected all forms of clubbing propositions—for I have always tried to make the Kicker worth the price—and more. I felt that I did not need any side-line to make it go.

Another reason was that clubbing propositions or premium offers are always unfair. Let me illustrate why. Suppose you were here last week, or last month and paid your dollar for the Kicker. Suppose, then, that this week I offer a special premium to new subscribers. Wouldn't you feel that you had made a mistake by not waiting until the premium was included? You would feel that they who subscribed that week would get something that you didn't get—although you paid as much money.

Well, after considerable work, I have perfected a plan that will be fair to all. And it will give you all the reading you can do this winter for the small sum of \$1.30. Here is what you can get:

Publication.	Price
Today's Magazine,50
Farm Progress,25
Farm Life,25
Kansas City Weekly Star,25
Scott County Kicker,	\$1.00
Total,	\$2.25

Publication.	Price
Today's Magazine,50
Home Life,25
Woman's World,35
Gentlewoman,25
Scott County Kicker,	\$1.00
Total,	\$2.35

Take your choice. You can get either of these clubs one year for \$1.30. All of the publications are monthly except the Kicker and the Kansas City Star, which appear weekly.

Now let me explain to you how nicely I have arranged it for those who have already paid their dollar. If you want those additional publications to read during the long winter evenings, all you have to do is to send me 30 cents and you get them. If you prefer you can send 15 2-cent stamps. The magazines contain good stories and are especially interesting to women and children. The farm papers are as good as the average. The Kansas City Star is a metropolitan weekly that contains all of the general news. And the Kicker is the best paper you ever read. All of these can be seen at the Kicker office.

Pick out the club that suits you best and, in sending in your order, enclose \$1.30 and say: "Send the Kicker and the club No." Add the No. of the club you want and your address and I will attempt to the rest.

If you are already on the list, then send 30 cents and the club number you desire.

Don't that look pretty good to you? Five publications for 1.30!

A GOOD STORY.
A good story was told me while at Commerce Saturday. A publisher of a paper of the county was there trying to collect up on back subscriptions. He met a farmer and handed him a bill for 3 years' subscription. The farmer looked at the bill and handed it back saying, "I never subscribed for that paper and don't want it."

"But you got it every week did you not?" meekly inquired the editor.

"Yes, but that wasn't my fault. I never ordered it sent," and the farmer started to walk away.

"Hey!" shouted the editor, as he again halted the farmer. "You just give me a dollar and I'll call the account squared and send you the paper for another year."

The farmer fell for it. My purpose in relating this is to show how foolish you are to pay for papers that are sent to you without your order. You will get them anyway, whether you pay or not. "The party" sees to that.

BUSINESS LOCALS.
For Sale.—A good, heavy pair of bay work horses. C. P. Bondurant Commerce, Mo. 49-3t.

For Sale.—Four Poland-China boar pigs, weight about 125 pounds. W. A. Lee, Oran 49t.

Agents wanted.—To solicit Life Insurance. Good company. High commission. Address C. A. Robertson, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

NOTICE.
Local Edna, Socialist party, at a recent meeting, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the time has arrived for the Socialists of Scott county to get busy and take over the management of said county at the coming election."

"We, the members of Local Edna in meeting assembled, do hereby call a meeting of ALL Socialists and all interested in clean politics to be held in Socialist hall, North Illinois, on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 10:30 a. m. You are, each and every one of you, expected to be present and do your part in forming a county organization. Come and let's whoop 'er up."

S. R. Bradshaw, Chairman, J. W. Jacob, Secretary.

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and Embalmer

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ILLMO, MO.

HERE AND YONDER.
Several months ago Dr. W. F. Allen of St. Louis, an eye specialist, visited several Southeast Missouri towns—among them Dexter, Bloomfield and Sikeston. Now comes Miss Hattie Alford of Dexter and swears out a warrant in which she charges the doctor with seducing her. She is under 18. The doctor was arrested in St. Louis, brought to Stoddard county followed by his wife, and released on \$1,000 bond. The girl is pregnant and is the daughter of a poor widowed mother. I am sure Dr. Allen is not a Socialist—else the papers would have told us all about it in black type. Being an old party man, there is nothing unusual about his conduct, and he received only the customary comment.

While out hunting E. H. Knight of Hunterville noticed a hollow log with dry leaves in it that resembled a possum nest. He proceeded to investigate, and while raking the leaves with his hand a copperhead snake fastened itself to one of his fingers and coiled around his wrist. He killed the snake, shot into the log and killed seven others. Then he sought medical attention. He recovered.

We boast of our Christian civilization and send missionaries to Africa to give the heathen some of it. Yet only last Sunday, in a little village in Howell county, Mo., 15 armed and masked men rode in to town, burned four houses and tortured members of the families. The trouble is said to have been an outbreak of an old feud.

Rev. Arthur Trotter died at the Cape hospital Monday morning after an operation for appendicitis. Rev. Trotter was born in Richwoods 37 years ago and was the son of Jasper Trotter, a former sheriff of this county. Deceased leaves a widow and three children. The burial was in Richwoods Tuesday.

S. A. Gentry passed through Benton Wednesday on his way to Diehlstadt. While here he not only renewed his own paper but had the Kicker sent to his brother, J. B. Gentry, Diehlstadt, and sister, Mrs. Dave Dodge, Charleston. Mr. Gentry and family will leave for Bell Plains, Kans., Tuesday.

The last legislature provided that convicts could be used in building public roads. Green B. Greer of Sikeston has applied for some to be worked in the lower end of the county. Convicts are so numerous that the authorities don't know what to do with them.

Two men were cutting timber near Kewanee. One cut his foot badly and the other went for a horse to set him ride home. When he returned the body of the wounded man was found torn to pieces and partly eaten by some animal.

When a priest boastfully bets a cask of wine that he has succeeded in keeping his congregation in such dense ignorance that he can make them eat bran, it is high time that congregation wake up and put in a public school not under his control.

In a friendly scuffle at Bloomfield, K. C. Spence struck a pipe when Frontz Weber had in his mouth, breaking out two teeth and forcing the stem into the tongue. Weber was taken to St. Louis for treatment.

Just as the Kicker is ready to go to press the announcement of the marriage of J. W. Crow, a former teacher of this county to Miss Rebecca Jackson of Nashville, Tenn., at the Marion Hotel, Cairo, Ill., on Dec. 22.

Lawson Proffer, said to be the oldest native-born citizen of the old county of Stoddard, died at the age of 90 years. Nearly all of his life he lived within half a mile of where he was born.

A 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Reed of Bernie was in the front yard playing with matches. Her dress caught fire and she was so badly burned that she died soon after.

Prof. Eric Boutelle, director of the University of Pennsylvania, says that life will exist on earth for fifteen million years. In that case it will be a long time before Gabriel toots his horn.

Wash Davenport of the Macedonian neighborhood, was here Tuesday. Wash says there is another road over searap on in his district.

Mrs. P. Smith of Hickory Grove was here Tuesday and had the Kicker sent to her daughter, Mrs. Nora Powell, at Libourn, for a Christmas remembrance.

H. C. King and James Vandye of Cary were here Saturday. Mr. King and family will probably move east soon.

Wm. Gosche of Bleda and Henry Meiderhoff of New Hamburg dropped in on the Kicker Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. August Sander of near Chaffee, were Kicker callers Wednesday.

A. B. Emerson and T. A. Cooper of Morley were here Wednesday. Mr. Emerson bought Mr. Cooper's farm of 80 acres for \$2,100.

Mrs. Rosa Robert and son, Ed. of Fornefeld, were Kicker visitors Wednesday.

Jake Edwards, aged 62, died at the J. W. Farris home Saturday morning.

George Roth of Illmo, Charley Burger of near Oran and Herman Ueismann of Fornefeld, were in Benton Monday.

J. M. Sanders and son Henry of near Commerce and Peter Bollinger of Randless were Benton visitors Friday.

Dr. H. S. Winters, Phil Simpkins, W. A. Lee, Tom Pate and Leo Tenkoff of Oran were in Benton Monday.

A Christmas present that will be appreciated by a friend or relative—a subscription to the Kicker. J. T. Huey of Budget was here Friday and says he just couldn't keep house without the Kicker.

Dr. J. E. Folsom of Sikeston dies at Sikeston aged 75 years.

Adam B. Schaefer and daughter,

Miss Elmore, of Kelso, were Kicker callers Thursday.

Get a 1914 Kicker Calendar. Louis Goetz of New Hamburg paid his annual visit to the Kicker Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hendrix of near Bleda were Kicker callers Monday.

Thos. Murphy of Cary came up to see the sights Tuesday.

Tony Williams of near Oran was in Benton Tuesday.

Rudolph Eifert of near Illmo was here Wednesday.

Send the Kicker to a relative as a Christmas gift.

Get a 1914 Kicker Calendar.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
Last week was hog killing time with our farmers and we were at it every day—even on Friday, the day the Kicker reaches us. So I will tell you something about that awful sheet. We were butchering and a neighbor and his family who didn't take the Kicker were helping. When the mail arrived one of his daughters rushed to the box, got the Kicker and, before entering the house, sat down and read it. Then she went to her sister saying, "I got the Kicker. Let me read it," said the sister, and she read it. After she had finished she went to her mother saying, "Ma, here is the Kicker," and the mother read it.

About this time the school children began to arrive from school and the first thing another daughter did was to get the Kicker and read it. I told this to a friend who said "That is the way my brother-in-law, Frank, told me. He was ordered not to take the Kicker. One day he was over at Benton and had business with the officers. He walked into one office and they had the Kicker reading it. He went to another office and saw the same thing. He visited his uncle and found he was reading it. He said to his uncle, 'I thought you told me I should not read the Kicker and I see you are reading it.' The uncle replied, 'Oh, I only read it to see what is in it.' To which my informant replied, 'By G—d, that is all I want it for'—and Frank is now a subscriber.

Mike Dornberger probably killed the biggest hog in the neighborhood. He tried to hang the hog by means of a mule rope and pulled but the mule had to have the assistance of two men. It is estimated the hog weighed between 800 and 900 pounds gross. About 18 years ago Sol Diebold killed one that weighed 780 pounds net.

A. L. Hahn is building a cellar under his place of business with Sol Diebold as mason, John Gerst, helper, August Glaus hauling the brick, Albert Urhahn hauling the gravel, and uncle Louis Regert as time keeper. With such a force it ought to be some cellar.

Uncle Franz Kuhn left for Texas, Ark. Monday to spend the winter there with his sons, Peter, John and Frank. Mrs. Kuhn, Uncle Jacob Diebold and Rudolph Schmitt are the three oldest men in the community.

It is reported that Prof. Orr will close his agricultural school here on the 19th. He has made many friends during his short stay among us.

Mrs. T. B. Welch a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Moech and sister to Mrs. Dr. Schindler, left for her home in Farmington Saturday after a two weeks' visit here.

Leo Gosche, John Blatt and Leo Gause went over to Leo Heuring's Saturday to kill some hogs that Mr. Gosche had bought.

The Misses Raymond Medernoi and Regina Weiter of Benton attended the lecture here Saturday.

Miss Hedrick Scherer is making her home with uncle Jake Diebold.

Albert Blatt of Oran was here Saturday helping his father-in-law, George Kern, kill hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dumey were at Oran Saturday and Louis Kuehneler was there Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kilger visited at their daughter's Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gosche, Sunday.

Miss Caroline Hoefler spent Sunday with her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Goetz.

Paul and Albert Dumeys of Sars Creek, and Albert Euderie of Kelso were here Sunday.

Joe Schuener has hauled brick to build a cellar under his mother's residence.

Mrs. Mary Schaefer, who has been sick for some time, is able to be up again.

Joe Hahn of Bleda and Joe Gerst of Hooe district, were here Tuesday.

Louis Goetz and son Albert were at Benton last week paying taxes.

Uncle Joe Pobst, the boss carpenter of Bleda, is building a machine shed for Mrs. Rosa Schoen. We are glad to report that Prof. and Mrs. Schulte are home again.

Andy Glueck and Miss Philomena Hamm were here Sunday.

August Glaus and Louis Glueck were at Illmo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Westrich were at Oran Monday.

Mrs. D. and Joe Glaus were at Chaffee Monday.

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish, thru the Kicker, to extend our sincere thanks to all those who so willingly assisted us during the sickness and death of our beloved one, Mrs. Lizzie Sibley. We truly appreciate every effort in our behalf.

Roy Sibley and family.
Mrs. Wilhelmina Fornefeld.

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Come to Cape Girardeau to do your trading where you can get the benefit of the largest assortment of goods in Southeast Missouri. Come where you can go from one store to another until you find exactly what you want at a reasonable price. It won't cost you a cent to come, and you will make a big saving on every purchase, besides having advantage of making your selections from many large stocks of goods.

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RETAIL MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.

Joe Enderie Sundayed with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seyer.

Charley Heuring, Dennis Diebold and John Enderie were in the lower end of the county Friday insuring three of Henry Misset's buildings.

The Misses Regina, Pauline and Katie Battel spent Sunday evening with the family of A. Martin.

Mrs. Chas. Heuring and daughter Mary and son Harold, Sundayed with Ben Enderie and family.

Isaac Ross and son Thos, spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. E. Andrew, near Dutchtown.

Henry Compas and daughter, Miss Emma, of near New Hamburg, were here Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schaefer and Edw. Schwartz attended our church Sunday.

Mrs. B. Fullenwider spent Friday evening with the family of John Enderie.

Mrs. Alois Heisserer spent Sunday with the family of Joe Weiter.

Joe Seyer went to visit his brother Philip near Advance Sunday.

Miss Josee Glasstetter is staying with the family of Joe Seyer.

Hog killing has been in order and everybody has wurst.

FROM FORNEFELD.
Adam Burger feels pretty good these days. Several years ago he traded to J. H. Haurman his farm property at the edge of town for some land in the Ozarks.

Mr. Burger claimed that the lands were misrepresented to him and brought suit to recover his home place. The supreme court has awarded the ownership to Burger, which is now probable worth \$15,000. Some of this land had been platted into lots and sold to the purchasers building houses on them. The court holds that these shall not be disturbed, as they were innocent purchasers.

The Illmo public school will give an entertainment at the opera house Friday evening, Dec. 19. An attractive program will be rendered.

Wm. Proffer, a young attorney and a native of Cape county, has decided to cast his lot with us and rented an office. He will move his family here soon.

On account of the serious illness of her father, Miss Johnny McCutcheon, a teacher, was relieved from school work for a few days.

J. E. Kinkead filling her place.

Mrs. W. B. Adkins visited her daughter, Mrs. Lynn, at Commerce, last week.

FROM BLEDA DISTRICT.
Charley and Walter Eifert, Miss Alvina, Henry and Fred Sanders spent Sunday with Miss Emma and John Sanders of Fornefeld.

Hy. Eifert, wife and daughter, Miss Mary, and Judge Albrecht were the guests of Herman Musbach Sunday.

Miss Augusta Eifert spent Saturday and Sunday with her cousin at Cape Girardeau.

Louis Albrecht and family and Miss Emma Roth were at the Cape Wednesday.

Paul, Alfred and Miss Lizzie Ueismann autoed to the Cape Saturday.

Miss Pauline Eifert spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Augusta Eifert.

T. J. Eifert and family were the guests of Casper Eifert Sunday.

Miss Ella Puchbauer returned to her home at the Cape Saturday.

Miss Ella Ueismann spent part of last week at the Cape.

FROM CHAFFEE.
The Astoria Hotel, one of the finest hotels in this end of the state, was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. The fire originated in the basement or engine room where electricity is generated to light the town, and was not discovered until the entire basement was filled with dense smoke. Only the night clerk and fireman were on watch, and neither discovered the fire until it was beyond control. Fearing that adjoining buildings might ignite a train was dispatched to Cape Girardeau to get more fire fighting equipment, but the local firemen succeeded in confining the flames to the hotel. About 100 guests were in the hotel and were driven to the street in their night clothes. The Astoria was built in 1895 and cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The first story was occupied by the post office, the hotel office, a drug store, a barber shop and a saloon. Very little

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FROM MORLEY.
Joe Merrett will raffle a good horse as soon as the tickets are sold. He has only a few left, and those wanting chances must call on him early.

Rev. Bradley preached to a very large congregation Sunday night. The seats were crowded and all the standing room taken up.

Jeff Henderson was here Monday evening. Jeff says he and Albert Rockett are clearing some on their farms near here.

Mrs. Mollie Atherton returned from Memphis, Tenn., where she took her daughter to be treated for typhoid fever.

Uncle Ben Curd is still buying grain for the Scott Co. Milling Co. J. R. Lee and family went autoing Sunday.

Rev. Chas. Harris has returned from a visit to Illinois, where he says there is a good meeting in progress.

D. Lawrence and Bud Halley are doing some carpenter work for Robert Griggs.

Chas. Miller has bought the R. W. Modlin property and will build a \$15,000 house and a barn.

Rev. Bradley preached an unsensational, pure, clean, sermon to men only, last Sunday evening.

Dr. James Swain is representing a grocery house in St. Louis. He carries a full line of samples.

Levi Brock and another gentleman from Benton were bird-hunting in this vicinity last week.

Will Black finished threshing peas Thursday of last week. He had 31-2 days' threshing.

H. T. Emerson and others, whose names we did not learn, went hunting last week.

Henry Terry and family and Mrs. Davis are visiting at Marion, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perdue are at home after a long absence.

The revival meeting at the M. E. church is still in progress.

J. J. Hunter was at the Cape one day last week.

R. L. Harrison went to Vanduser Friday.

Rev. Bradley went to Sikeston Monday.

V. L. Harris of Benton was here Monday.

Will Hutton was at Oran Sunday.

Health is very good here at present.